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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

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1. RUMOR THAT YI HU-RAK MAY SOON BE REPLACED
IS CIRCULATING IN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS CIRCLES IN SEOUL. RUMOR
APPARENTLY ORIGINATED WITH SPECULATIVE JIJI PRESS
SEPTEMBER 11 STORY THAT YI HU-RAK HAS BEEN RELIEVED
OF VIRTUALLY ALL DUTIES AS HEAD OF CIA AND APPEARS
TO BE ON HIS WAY OUT. NONE OF THIS HAS APPEARED
IN NEWS MEDIA HERE.

2. CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY KIM CHONG-
YOM TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 12 THAT JAPANESE PRESS REPORT OF
YI HU-RAK REPLACEMENT WAS GROUNDLESS. KIM ALSO
SAID THAT ROKG WAS STILL AT AN IMPASSE CONCERNING
FURTHER MOVES IN KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE.

3. RADIO NEWS AND AFTERNOON
PAPERS SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIED REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT
GOJ HAS DECIDED TO SEND A FORMER AMBASSADOR AS AN
"INFORMAL SPECIAL ENVOY" TO DISCUSS KIM TAE-CHUNG
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CASE WITH TOP KOREAN LEADERS. PRESS ALSO REPORTED

THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA HAD EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT
CASE WOULD BE SOLVED BEFORE THE OPENING OF UNGA.
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